

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 24-cr-80010-Middlebrooks/Matthewman

18 U.S.C. § 1343

18 U.S.C. § 2

18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)

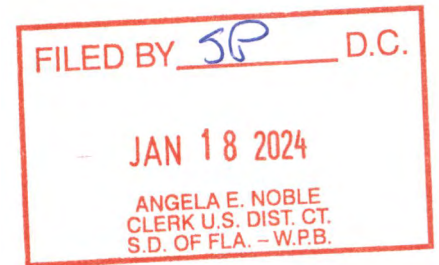
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

ELAINE ESCOE,

Defendant.

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

The Defendant and Related Entities

1. RBA Global, LLC ("RBA Global") was a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Florida.
2. **ELAINE ESCOE** was a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida.
3. Bluevine was a financial technology company headquartered in Redwood City, California.

COUNT 1
Wire Fraud
(18 U.S.C. §1343)

1. The General Allegations section of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about January 24, 2020, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

ELAINE ESCOE,

did knowingly, and with the intent to defraud, devise, and intend to devise, a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that the pretenses, representations, and promises were false and fraudulent when made, and, for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

OBJECT OF THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE

3. It was the object of the scheme and artifice for **ELAINE ESCOE** to unlawfully enrich herself and others by submitting and causing the submission of an application for a business credit line for RBA Global, which falsely represented RBA Global's revenue and account activity.

THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE

The manner and means by which the defendant sought to accomplish the object and purpose of the scheme and artifice included, among others, the following:

4. **ELAINE ESCOE** submitted and caused to be submitted to Bluevine an electronic application for a business credit line for RBA Global in the amount of up to \$50,000.

5. In the application, **ELAINE ESCOE** falsely and fraudulently represented that RBA Global had an annual revenue of \$780,000.

6. In further support of the application, **ELAINE ESCOE** submitted and caused to be submitted forged and altered bank statements for an account in the name of **ESCOE**.

USE OF THE WIRES

7. On or about January 24, 2020, in the Southern District of Florida, **ELAINE ESCOE** for the purpose of executing and in furtherance of the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that the pretenses, representations, and promises were false or fraudulent when made, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce, by means of wire communications, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, to wit, the electronic submission of a false and fraudulent credit-line application on behalf of RBA Global, from the Southern District of Florida, to Bluevine, outside the State of Florida.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

1. The allegations of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendant, **ELAINE ESCOE**, has an interest.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and the procedures set forth at Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Sections 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL


FOREPERSON


MARKENZY LAPOINTE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY


JONATHAN BAILYN
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY

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Superseding Case Information:

New Defendant(s) (Yes or No) _____

Number of New Defendants _____

Total number of counts _____

Court Division (select one)

- ☐ Miami ☐ Key West ☐ FTP
☐ FTL ☒ WPB

I do hereby certify that:

1. I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.
2. I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. §3161.
3. Interpreter: (Yes or No) No
List language and/or dialect: _____
4. This case will take 2 days for the parties to try.
5. Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:

(Check only one)	(Check only one)
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 to 5 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Petty
II <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor
III <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
IV <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 60 days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony
V <input type="checkbox"/> 61 days and over	
6. Has this case been previously filed in this District Court? (Yes or No) No
If yes, Judge _____ Case No. _____
7. Has a complaint been filed in this matter? (Yes or No) No
If yes, Magistrate Case No. _____
8. Does this case relate to a previously filed matter in this District Court? (Yes or No) No
If yes, Judge _____ Case No. _____
9. Defendant(s) in federal custody as of _____
10. Defendant(s) in state custody as of _____
11. Rule 20 from the _____ District of _____
12. Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) No
13. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Maynard? (Yes or No) No
14. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared Strauss? (Yes or No) No
15. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with now Magistrate Judge Eduardo I. Sanchez during his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on January 22, 2023? No

By: Jonathan Bailyn

Jonathan Bailyn

Assistant United States Attorney

Court ID No. A5502602

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PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: Elaine Escoe

Case No: 24-cr-80010-Middlebrooks/Matthewman

Count #: 1

Wire Fraud

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343

* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 20 Years' Imprisonment

* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** N/A

* **Max. Supervised Release:** 3 Years

* **Max. Fine:** \$250,000

*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, supervised release and fines. It does not include restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.